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Attn: Anesthetic & Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee

In regards to the approval on the use of opioid analgesics in treatment and management of non-malignant pain, I am certain that if anyone of the committee members have ever experienced chronic pain or could imagine having pain 7 days a week, 24 hours everyday of your breathing life, they would no doubt vote for opioid medication.

Being a Chronic pain sufferer since 1985 due to Temporal Mandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ), surviving 18 surgeries, later, 2 Hip Replacements, a Total knee replacement and 4 compressed fractures in my back; I certainly could have put a gun to my head because of all the pain (and believe me, many times the thoughts went thru my mind), lived in self pity or become a complete recluse (which I did for two years) but thanks to stronger analgesics and many caring doctors, I am still able to work part time, participate in many community activities and also try to help others who are experiencing the same symptoms all chronic pain "individuals" go through. Don't get me wrong, each day is a total struggle; it always hurts and it wears and tears on your body as well as your mind. Don't we deserve a life, too? It's painful enough to deal with chronic pain and the many drawbacks it has, physically, mentally and financially, so please give the thousands of us out there a chance at life without so much pain and suffering. God knows, there's enough of that already.

I thank you for reading this and I appreciate your sincere efforts.

Sincerely,
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